

Geek out with Graphic Novels!

Best practices, tools, titles, and events...



We will discuss...

1. Best selection practices

2. Best selection tools

3. Best titles and read-alikes

4. Best programs



Explicit Content

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Popular characters across collections...





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Definitions to Know

- Comic Strip: A short sequence of 1 page or less
- Comic Book: Serialized comics appearing in a magazine- sized booklet
- *Graphic Novel*: Novel –length comics or a collection of comic books that tell a single narrative arc appearing in book form
- Manga: Stylized Japanese graphic novel in which both page and panels are read right to left.
- **Anime:** Animation of Japanese origin that can share both style and narrative tropes with manga. Not to be confused with a book; is television or film format.

Major Publishers

- Marvel Comics
- DC Comics
- Dark Horse Comics
- Image Comics
- IDW Publishing
- Gemstone Publishing
- Fantagraphics
- Kodansha
- Viz



















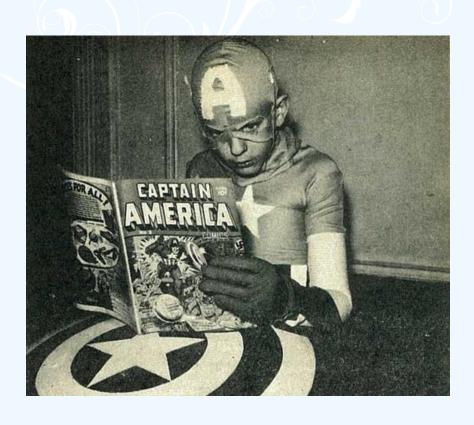
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What Graphic Novels Offer



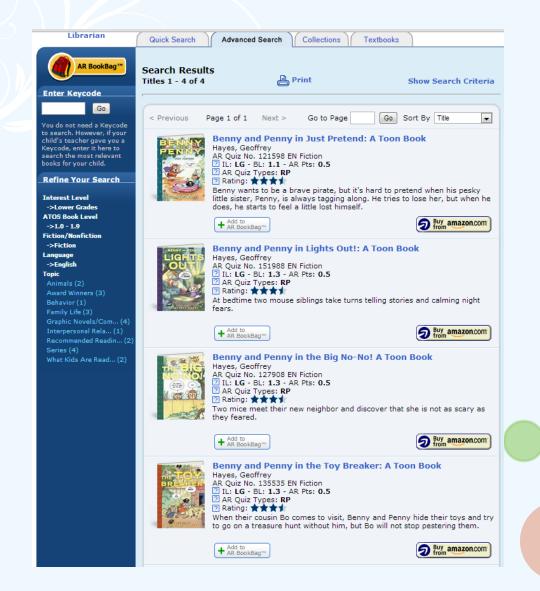
- They give you all the visual stimulation of a movie with the textual experience of a book
- They give you a different way to experience events both fictional and historical
 - They engage both the right and left hemispheres of your brain.

Educational Benefits



- Reluctant Readers
- Vocabulary Exposure
- Visual Literacy
- Comprehension

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Kids' (J) Graphics & Manga



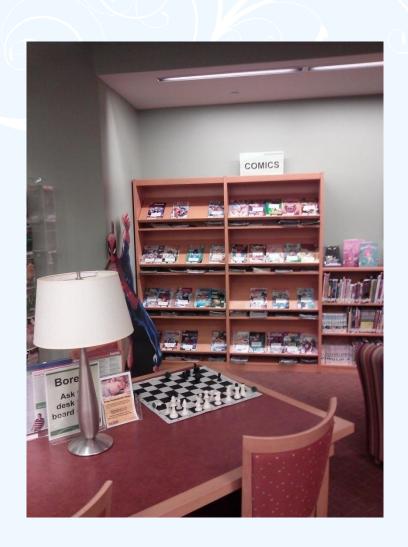
Teen Graphics





Teen Manga

We have comics too!





Selection Practices

- Split between 3 selectors:
 - Adult
 - Children's
 - Teen
- Input information into a Google Doc Spreadsheet
- Looking at collection as a system

Selection Practices

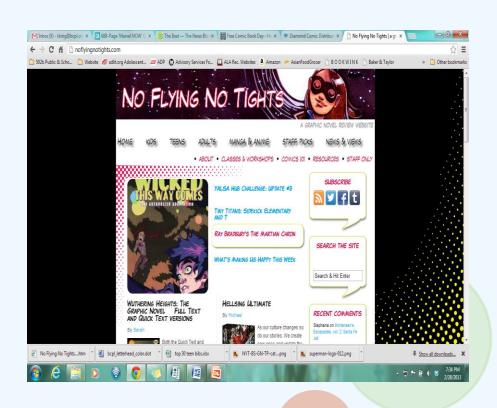
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	Fatale, Book 2: The Devil's Business	Ed Brubaker	Vol 2	1607066181	A	M	bt	1/15/20
	The Couriers: The Complete Series	Brian Wood		1607066416	A	S	bt	12/25/20
	Suicide Squad Vol. 2: Basilisk Rising (The New 52) [P	Adam Glass	Vol 2	1401238440	Α	MS	bt	2/19/20
	The Baby Smurf	Peyo		9781597073813	J	S	bt	2/26/20
7	Ariol Graphic Novels: Just a Donkey Like You and Me	Emmanuel Guibert	v. 1	9781597073998	J	S	bt	2/19/20
	Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse Tales: Classic Stsories			9780789324733	J	SL	bt	2/19/20
	Hulk vs. Abomination: Hulk vs. Wolverine	Clarissa Wong		9781423177296	J	SL Chapin CCOW	bt	2/19/20
)	Snarked	Roger Langridge	v. 3	9781608862955		M	bt	2/5/20
1	Spera	Josh Tierney	Vol. 2	978-1936393763	J	M	bt	2/5/20
2	Dance Class #4: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Paris	Beka	vol 4	978-1597073844	J		bt	2/26/20

Best selection tools

Beginner/ Not enough time...

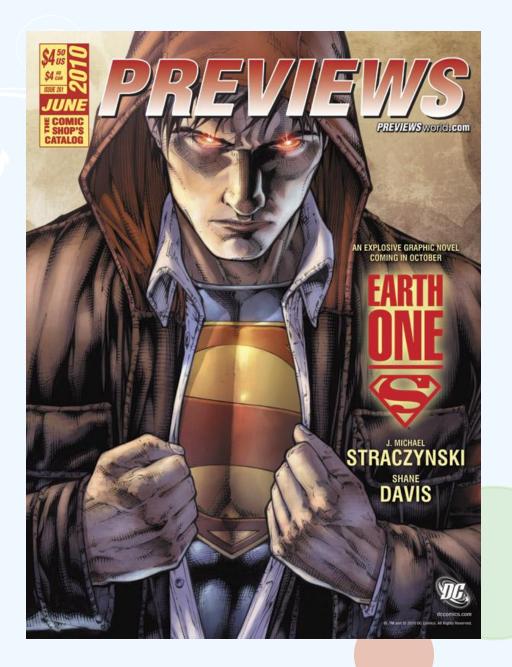
- B&T/Ingram
- Amazon.com Best Sellers
- NYT Best Sellers
- SLJ/PW
- ALA Lists*

Intermediate/Advanced



Selecting: Do it like the pro's...

- Get it for free if you tell your favorite comic book shop you're a librarian!
- •Published by Diamond Comic Distributors, Inc.
- •Best features:
 - •Annual Free Comic Book Day preview
 - •Top 10 Lists:
 - Graphics
 - •Manga
 - •DVDs
 - Games (tabletop)
 - Books (F/NF)

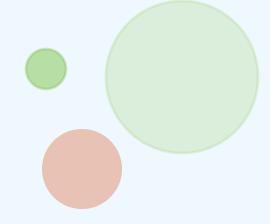


More blogs to follow...

- lo9
- iFanboy
- DC Women Kicking Ass
- The Mary Sue
- Bleeding Cool
- Robot 6 @ Comic Book Resources
- The Beat

More blogs to follow

- Good Comics for Kids (School Library Journal)
- No Flying No Tights
- Graphic Novel Reporter
- About.com Manga
- Anime News Network



Websites/Apps

- Viz Media
- Yen Press
- Image Comics
- Dark Horse Comics
- Kaboom! Studios
- Marvel
- DC

Netgalley

- www.netgalley.com
- Sign up and receive egalleys from publishers
- Offer children's, teens, and adult graphic novels
- Great resource to preview graphics before purchasing



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Biographies & Memoirs
Comics & Graphic



"Accomplice"

May 21 2013

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Tattoo Book... May 7 2013 Comics & Graphic



#3 The Red Ruby Mar 1 2013 Children's Fiction Comics & Graphic



#5 The Bark in Spa May 1 2013 Children's Fiction Comics & Graphic



#5 The Missing Cuck Clock Apr 1 2013 Children's Fiction Comics & Graphic



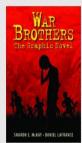
#8 A Match Made in Heaven May 1 2013 Comics & Graphic Teens & YA



William and the Los Spirit Apr 1 2013 Comics & Graphic Teens & YA



Three Kingdoms Volume 3 Oct 31 2012 Comics & Graphic



War Brothers Feb 4 2013 Comics & Graphic



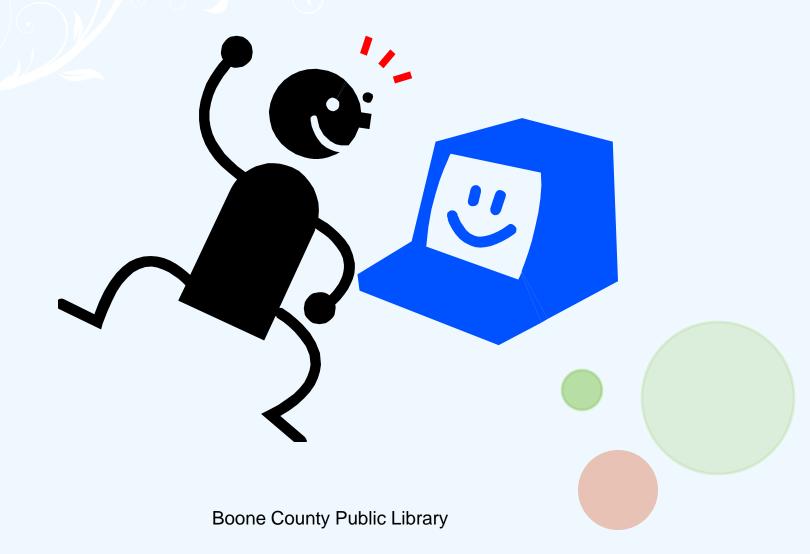


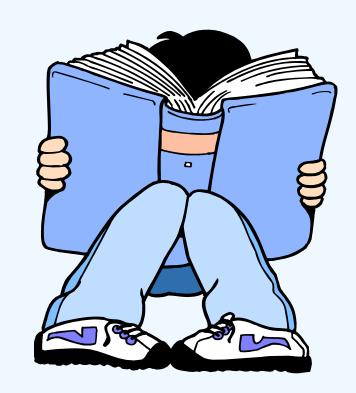






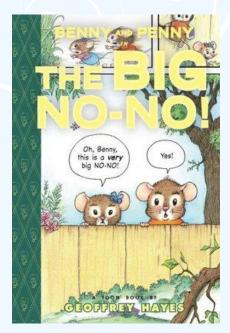
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READERS BY AGES

Beginning Readers: Toon Books



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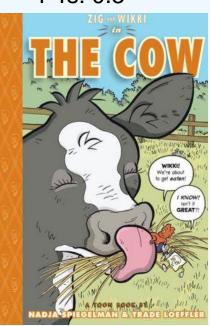
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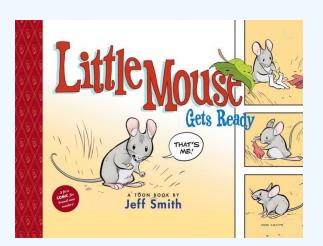
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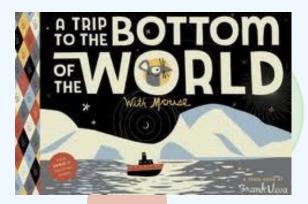
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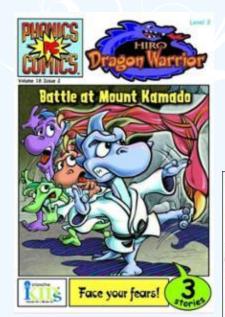
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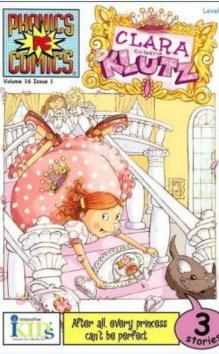
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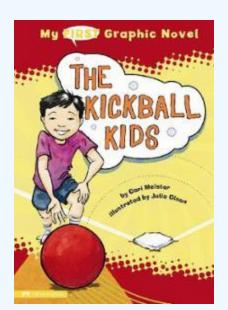


*Science Title

Beginning Readers: Phonics Comics and My First Graphic Novel

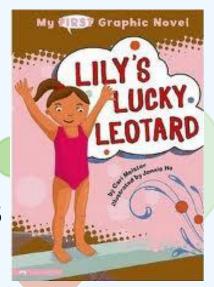




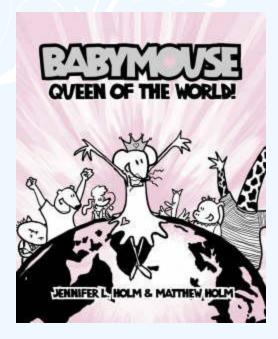


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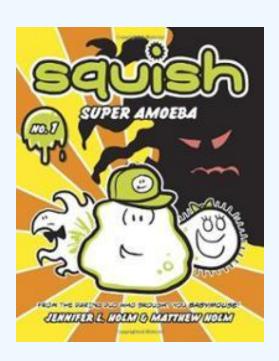
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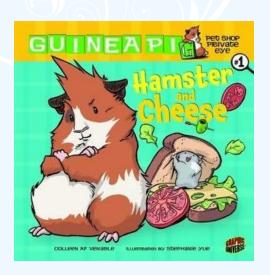
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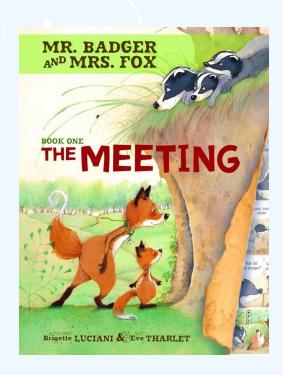
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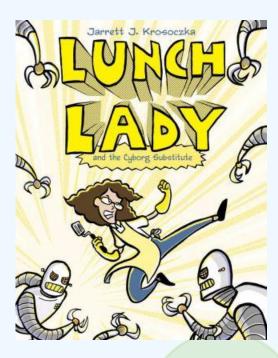
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BL: 1.8 - 2.2

PTs: 0.5



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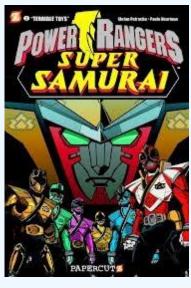
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School Age Titles – TV

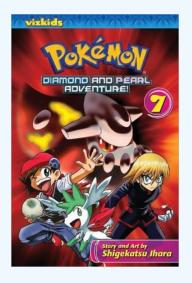


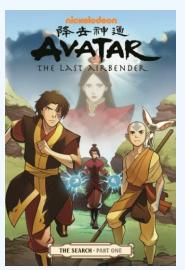






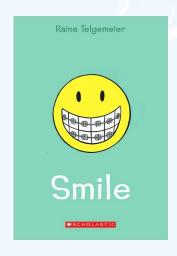


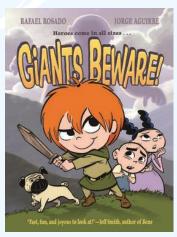


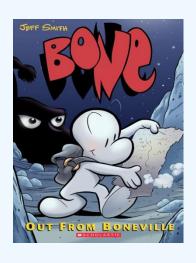


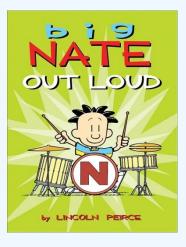


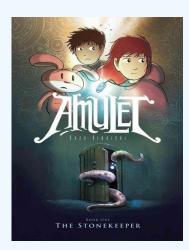
School Age Titles











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PTs: 1.0-2.0

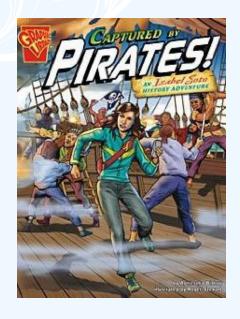
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PTs: 1.0

Non-Fiction

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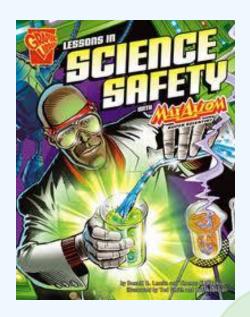


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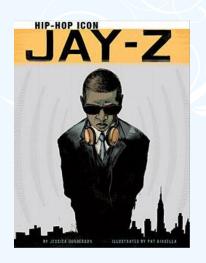
Max Axiom series



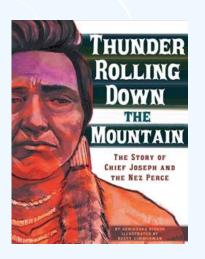
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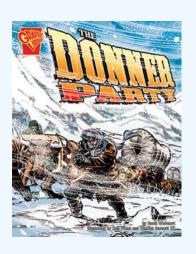
More Non-Fiction



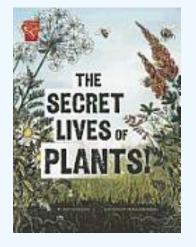
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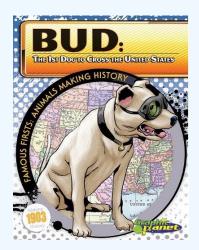
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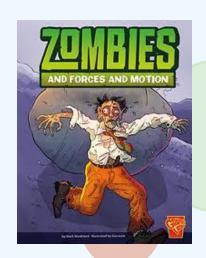
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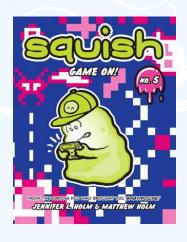


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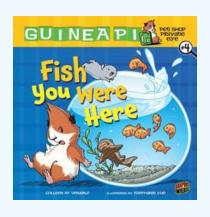


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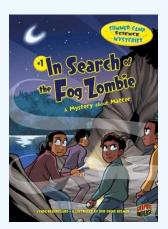


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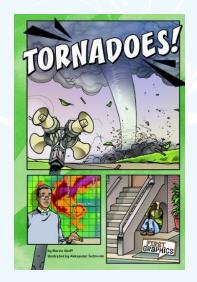
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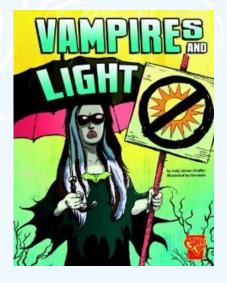


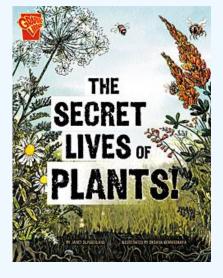
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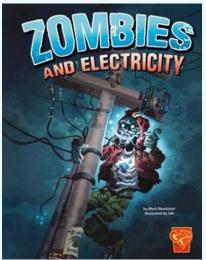
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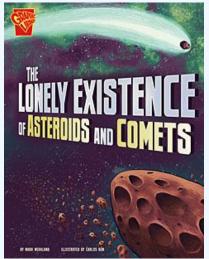


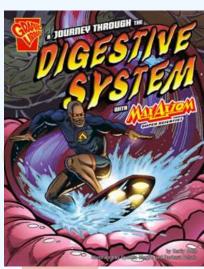












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Hot Titles - Teen



Image via: bestgeekblogever



- Batman
- Batwoman
- Green Arrow
- Green Lantern
- Justice League
- Superman
- Swamp Thing
- Teen Titans
- Wonder Woman



Image via: geekrest.com

- Avengers
- Captain Marvel
- Dead Pool
- Fantastic Four
- Guardians of the Galaxy
- Spider Man
- X-Men

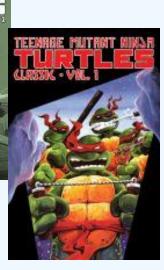
Teen Titles – Pop Culture















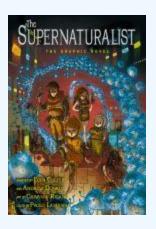
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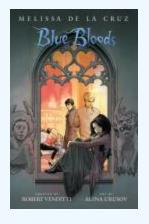




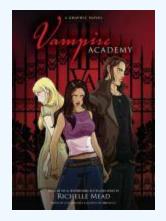








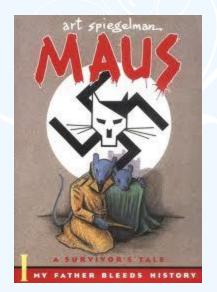


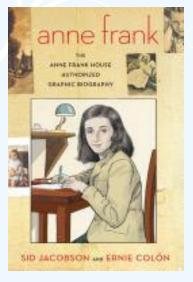


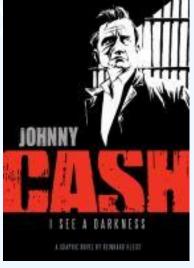




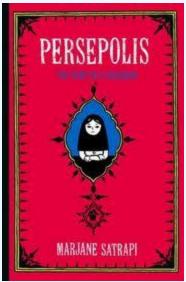
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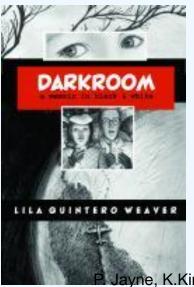


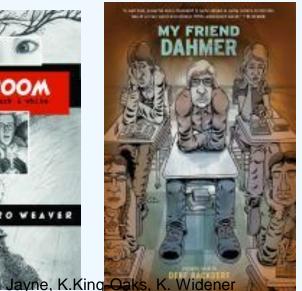


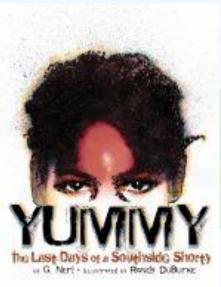




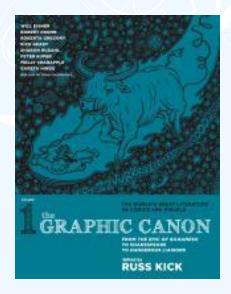


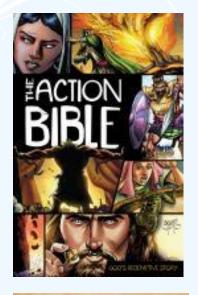


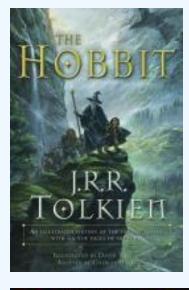


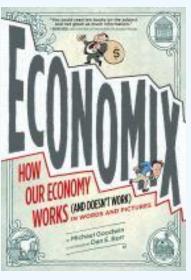


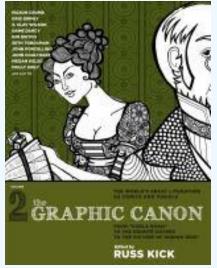
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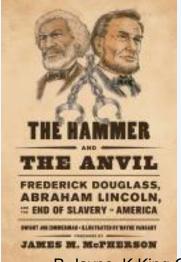






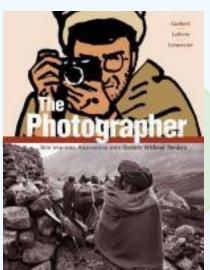




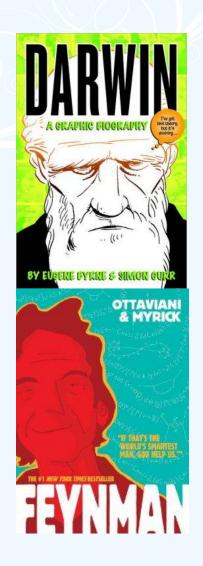


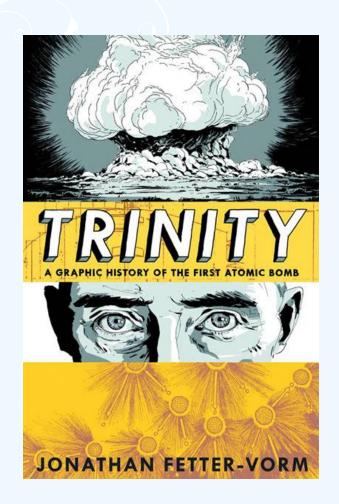


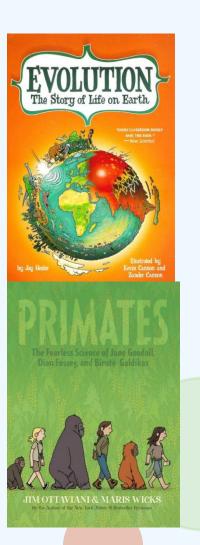




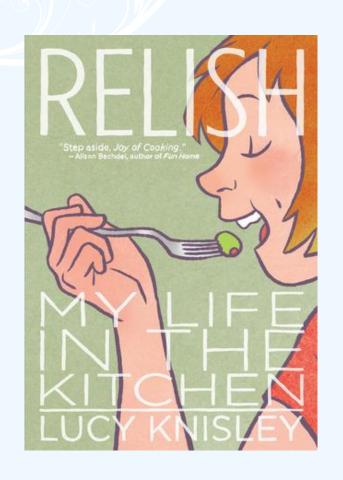
Science Titles for Teens

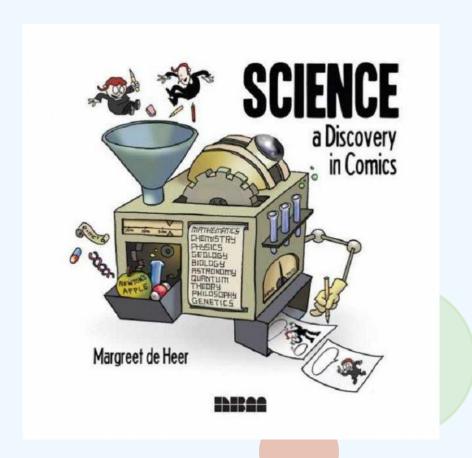






Science Titles for Teens





Reading Western Comics vs Manga

Western

- Reads: L→ R
- Usually in full color
- More square panels
- More varied art styles
- Third-person narrative
- More text heavy; narration

Eastern

- Reads: R→L ("backwards")
- Usually in black and white
- More fluid layout
- Defined by specific art style
- First-person narrative
- Dialog and visuals move story







Y (Youth, ages 10+) - Appropriate for ages 10 and up. May contain violence.



T (Teen, ages 13+) – Appropriate for ages 13 and up. May contain violence, profanity, and semi-nudity.



OT (Older Teen, ages 16+) — Appropriate for ages 16 and up. May contain violence, profanity, semi-nudity, and some sexual themes.



M (Mature, ages 18+) – Appropriate for ages 18 and up. May contain graphic violence, nudity, profanity, sex, and

Manga/Anime Ratings

*Not necessarily comparable to Western age rating systems

Yen Press Rating Summary

The goal of the Yen Press rating system is to provide parents, librarians and retailers with as much information about the contents of our books as simply and concisely as possible. Ultimately, opinions about appropriateness of content for a particular reader are a subjective matter likely to vary from person to person. However, this is a useful tool to give readers some sense of what they may expect.

Yen's ratings are structured in two tiers: age ratings (A, T, OT, M) and content indicators (L, V, S, N). Age ratings indicate a maturity threshold below which some parents or guardians may find the content unsuitable. Content indicators provide insight as to the material within the book that prompted a particular age rating. The frequency and/or severity of that material is reflected in the age rating.

AGE RATINGS



All Readers

An "A" rating indicates that the material contained within the book has been deemed unlikely to be found inappropriate for any particular age group.



Teen

A "T" rating indicates that there may be content within a book that some parents or guardians may consider inappropriate for children under the age of 13.



Older Teen

An "OT" rated book contains material that some parents or guardians may consider inappropriate for readers under the age of 16.



Mature

An "M" rated book is intended for a mature readership and may be considered inappropriate for readers under the age of 18.

CONTENT INDICATORS



S = Sexual Situations







Manga vs. Anime

Manga = Text/Book



Anime = TV/Film



Broad Manga Genres

Shonen

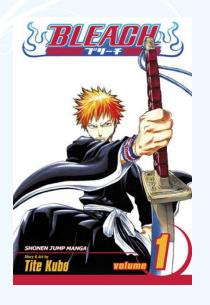
- Boys, 10-18 years old
- Focus on friendship
- Adventures; coming of age
- Comedy
- Sports
- Sci-fi
- Shonen Jump

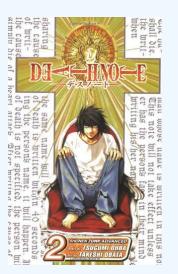
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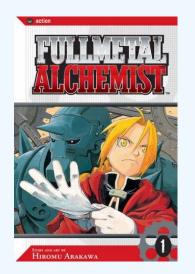
- Girls, 10-18
- Focus on friendship, love
- Comedy
- Romance
- Paranormal
- Shojo Beat

Popular Shonen Manga

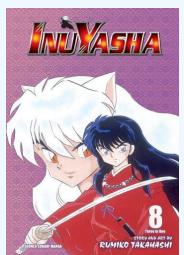
- •Bleach
- Death Note
- FullmetalAlchemist

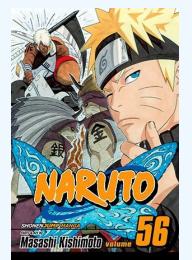






- •InuYasha
- Naruto
- One Piece



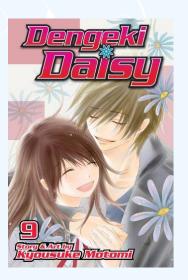




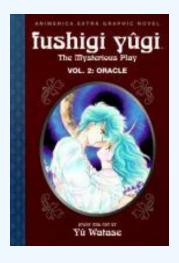
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Popular Shojo Manga

- Dengeki Daisy
- Fruits Basket
- Fushigi Yugi
- Sailor Moon
- Tokyo Mew Mew
- "Alice" series

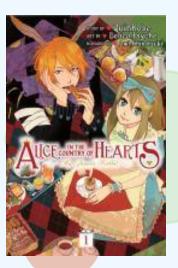












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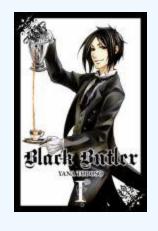
<u>Action/Historical</u> <u>Fiction/Suspense</u>:

- Afterschool Charisma
- Black Butler
- D Gray-Man

Comedy:

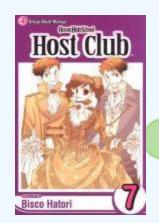
- The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzymiya
- Ouran High School Host Club
- Ranma One Half













If you like...







Paranormal Romance:

- -Black Bird
- -The Earl and the Fairy
- -Rosario Vampire





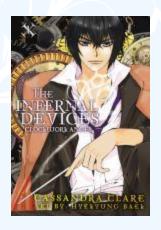


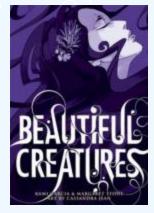
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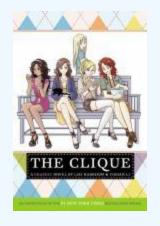
- -Ai Ore!
- -La Corda d'Oro
- -Toradora!

Popular Series Adaptations





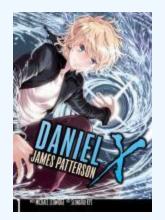


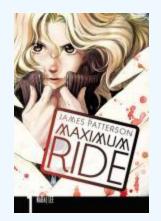








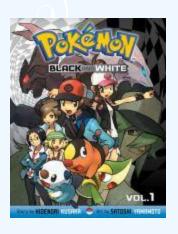




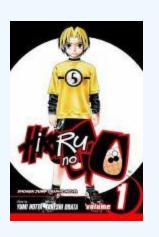


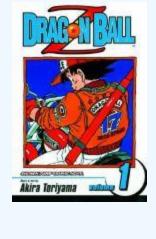
Children's Manga

- Pokemon
- Hikaru No Go
- Dragon Ball Z
- Beyblade
- Fairy Idol Kanon
- Yotsuba













Programming Ideas - Teens

- Cosplays
- Tabletop Day
- Gaming clubs
- Geek Pride Day May 25
- Final Friday Fandom



Programming Ideas – Middle School

Kawaii Crafting

Create a Comic

Pokemon



School-Age Programming Ideas

Adventure Time

- Make Slime
- Penguin Bowling
- Finn and Jake Magnets



Marvel Avengers

- Throw Thor's Hammer
- Captain America shield
- Marble Magnets



Preschool Program Ideas

- Princess Picnic
 - Princess Read-Aloud
 - Make a Tiara
 - Tea Time
 - Writer a letter to a Disney Princess
- Superhero Storytime
 - Hero Read-Aloud
 - Obstacle Course













Think outside the ALA/Local circuit...

Conventions:

- Cincinnati Comic Expo
- •New York Comic Con
- •Comic-Con International: San Diego

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Odds & Ends

- Be weary of "Best of" lists...
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